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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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Examiner: Mark L. Berch

APPLICATION NO: 10/001,544

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FOR: CRYSTALLINE BETA-LACTAM INTERMEDIATE

Commissioner for Patents
 PO Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of June 30, 2004 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on September 30, 2004. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$430 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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